

REMARKS

By this amendment, claim 1 has been amended to recite "a cage having two sidewalls, a posterior back wall, an open top, an open bottom, and an open front, such that when viewed from above the sidewalls and back wall form a U-shape; each sidewall having a convex upper edge and a substantially flat lower edge, such that when viewed from the side, the upper and lower edges conform to outwardly curved and flat planes, respectively, with no portions of the cage extending outwardly beyond either plane." It is believed that this modification overcomes the rejections under §112, second paragraph, and further distinguishes over the art of record. Neither Rinner nor Koros et al. nor Gerbec et al. nor Michelson teach or suggest a cage which, when viewed from the side, defines an outwardly curved upper plane and a substantially flat lower plane with no elements protruding therebeyond. Since the above-referenced patents are used in combination for the rejection on obviousness grounds, Applicant believes all claims are in condition for allowance.

Claims 10 and 14 have been canceled. Claims 7, 8 and 16 have been amended as requested by the Examiner. Replacement drawing sheets are attached for all figures.

Questions regarding his application may be directed to the undersigned attorney by telephone, facsimile or electronic mail.

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